
Title: The First Dragonmaster

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Long ago when the lands of Sosaria were still one realm there was a fearless shepherd named Gabriel. From the day he first ventured forth upon the land

Gabriel set out to be the most skilled tamer of beasts known.

With steely determination he set out into the wilderness in search

of beasts that he could practice his skills on. The young shepherd figured that if he started with more small, docile creatures he could learn the art of

reading the animals and in time move on to more powerful beasts.

Armed only with his trusty shepherds crook Gabriel set out into

the woods to live with the animals he sought to master. He started at first with bunnies and dogs. When he found these creatures too easy to tame he started to move on to other more dangerous beasts.

Day and night the young shepherd travelled the lands searching for ever more dangerous

creatures to tame.

Although he tried to stay deep in the wilderness there were many times that Gabriel was attacked by brigands or worse

creatures. Sometimes he was able to return and obtain his belongings but many times he could not.

Even the very creatures that Gabriel

sought to befriend would at times turn upon him. Though he was fleet of foot there were times he met his demise to the very animals he sought to befriend. Still even

being attacked by those he sought as friends was not a deterrent for the aspiring shepherd.

As the days passed Gabriel's skill at

befriending the beasts grew. There were many times when he was able to soundly trounce a rogue with his increasingly powerful beast friends. Then came the day

when he finally felt ready to attempt to tame the most ferocious beast in Brittania: the dragon.

With unflinching determination Gabriel set out into the den of the enormous fire breathing beast. He knew he was likely to suffer great pain and die many times but that did not stop him. Slowly he approached the enormous beast and attempted his skill. Within seconds the beast turned a fierce gaze upon him, opened its enormous jaws and breathed a shower of flame. Before Gabriel knew it he was standing there as a ghost.

Despite this setback he would not be denied the friendship of such a powerful creature. Many times he resurrected and many times he returned only to be incinerated once again.

Then came that magical moment he had waited for all of his life. He confidently strode up to the beast and fearlessly stared him straight in the eyes. As he spoke the words and used the tricks he knew Gabriel sensed that this time something was different. Instead of attacking him the dragon had succumbed to his skill! Needless to say he was overjoyed that he had finally achieved his life-long goal: that of mastering the dragon.

I still remember the day that Gabriel strode into our guild tower with a gigantic red dragon in tow! We were all gasping in shock and yet congratulating him on his skill at the same time.

Shortly after taming his first dragon Gabriel went out and tamed many others. He even gave dragons to the rest of our guildmates as gifts! Much to our amusement we discovered that the good old stables of Britannia had the facilities to care for our new dragon friends.

It was not long after Gabriel had tamed his first few dragons when some mysterious beings in hooded red robes materialized from the ether! These beings conversed with Gabriel for some time asking him where he tamed his dragons, how he did it and how he was using his new pets. We thought it strange that these mysterious beings in strange clothing would

mysterious beings in strange clothing would appear seemingly out of nowhere and inquire about our newly tamed friends. We thought nothing of this encounter and continued with our daily routines. Our newly tamed friends made defending ourselves so much easier. There were

several mining expeditions that I can remember catching careless brigands off guard when they attacked me only to discover previously invisible dragons coming to my aid! Athough we were the first to have dragon friends it was not long before other tamers in the realm started taming dragons as well. After a few weeks it was not an uncommon sight to see a dragon in tow behind the friends of tamers.

Then one day for some mysterious reason the dragons we had tamed became wild again. Even the ones we stabled had mysteriously disappeared from the Brittanian stables!

To this day no one really knows what happened to make the dragons go wild again. There are many theories as to why this mass exodus of tamed dragons occured but I still suspect it had something to do with those mysterious red-robed beings.

Apparently at some point in Brittanias history beyond that day tamers rediscovered the ability to once again tame the might of the dragon. Gone though are the days when these creatures could be befriended to one unskilled at taming.

To this day I remember the bravery and determination of my good friend Gabriel. Day and night he worked with little rest so that he could walk with the beasts of Brittania. No obstacle could stand in the way of his determination and eventually he reached his goal: to be the first dragonmaster of Brittania.